



BPA celebrates Black History Month

Bonneville Power Administration

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PORTLAND, Ore. - The Bonneville Power Administration's celebration of Black History Month will kick off at 1 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 5, in the Holladay Building Auditorium and feature a keynote address by Rhonda Shelby, KATU-TV's weekday weather anchor and Emmy Award-winning TV producer. The auditorium is located at 905 N.E. 11th Ave. in Portland. A reception will follow at 3 p.m. in the Holladay Building lobby.

In keeping with the theme of the month-long observance, "African-American Women Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," the Feb. 5 kick-off will recognize African-American women who have distinguished themselves both at BPA and in the community. Among these will be Julia Fletcher, the first African-American employed at BPA, Sonya Baskerville, an attorney in BPA's Office of General Counsel and participants in BPA's student co-op and Junior Fellowship programs.

"African-American women have important contributions to make to BPA's mission," said Jack Robertson, Deputy CEO. "I welcome Black History Month as an opportunity to recognize their unique talents and skills."

BPA's African-American Resource Group will sponsor a group of students from Vernon Middle School who are participants in the "I Have A Dream" program. This is a national program that keeps children focused on getting a college education. The program provides funding for the students' college education once they have completed high school. The

African-American Resource Group will host the students during Black History Month activities and other events throughout the year.

Other highlights include a Community Day Expo on Feb. 15 which will host minority vendors and companies from the surrounding community. In addition, the works of various black artists will be on display in the BPA headquarters lobby throughout the month of February.

Here is a schedule of BPA's Black History Month events:

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Feb. 5	Black History Month	Holiday Building

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Celebration	Auditorium, 905 N.E. 11th Ave.
Feb. 6 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Women in Energy Forum	Room 106, BPA Headquarters, 905 N.E. 11th Ave.
Feb. 15 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Community Day Expo Music by N'Touch	BPA Headquarters Lobby 905 N.E. 11th Ave.
Feb. 20 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Film: "Color of Fear"	Room 618 BPA Headquarters
Feb. 21 and 22 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Discussion: "Building Cultural Relationships"	Room 618 BPA Headquarters
Feb. 29 at 6 p.m.	Banquet honoring recently deceased African-American employees	Doris' Cafe 352 N.E. Russell

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